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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated June 6, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on September 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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